

Longswamp United Church of Christ

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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MUSIC PREPARES US FOR WORSHIP

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"

Nicolai, Setting by Hildenbrand

"In Pastures Green"

Hutson

"Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun"

Held

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to this place of prayer:

People: All who look to the God of love for acceptance.

Leader: Come and sit down in this room of peace:

People: All who turn to the God of love for courage to change.

Leader: Come into this house of grace:

People: All who would rise to Christ's will to love without end.

Leader: Come to this place through the gates of praise and thanksgiving:

People: For a sense of God's holy presence.

Leader: Come with open hearts, come!

People: God meets us all with open arms!

HYMN

Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

#568

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION

All: God who hears our prayers, we often fail to spend time in true conversation with you. We do not seek a place of spiritual renewal. We do not listen eagerly to good news when it is shaped by new ideas. We do not offer unconditional hospitality in our lives and homes. Open our hearts to stillness of spirit, grace for ourselves, and generosity, for others. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We have been baptized into forgiveness by the Holy Spirit.

People: We have been embraced into infinite possibilities of love. Amen.

HYMN

Lord I Lift Your Name on High

Maranatha! Music

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord I lift Your name on high

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 16:9-15

Justin Smith

MOMENT OF CONNECTION WITH CHILDREN & PRAYER SHAWL DEDICATION

LOFT CHOIR ANTHEM

Myrin & Redman, Setting by Larson

"10,000 Thousand Reasons"

SERMON

"Partners in Ministry"

Pastor Kim

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"Andante - from Voluntary"

Garth

DOXOLOGY

#809

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: God of hospitality, we dedicate these offerings in your name. We pray that your presence is made known through our giving; that our gifts honor you. Send your spirit upon this congregation, and make all the ways in which we give of ourselves righteous in your sight. Amen.

HYMN *He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought* #635

BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC *"Springs of Living Water"* Peterson

**Portions of this service were adapted from the chapter Hospitality of Home and Heart in the book "An Improbable Gift of Blessing" by Maren C. Tirabassi and Joan Jordan Grant.*

Let's support our food-insecure neighbors by helping the Brandywine Food Pantry!



*** Please check expiration dates on all donated food products. Brandywine Food Pantry cannot accept food items with expired dates.

Donated items "most needed" right now:

Breakfast - pancake syrup

Lunch/Dinner - beef stew, Chef Boyardee type canned goods (beefaroni, ravioli, lasagna, etc.), chili, meat (cans - tuna, chicken breast, Spam, Treet), ramen noodles, salad dressings, spaghetti sauce (traditional or with meat)

Baking/Cooking products - cooking oil, flour, sugar

Snacks - all kinds (chips, cookies, crackers, pretzels, pudding, etc.)

Drinks - coffee, fruit juice (all kinds), hot cocoa mix

Condiments - ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard

Miscellaneous - evaporated milk, peanut butter

Personal hygiene products - body wash, shampoo

Household items - dish soap, laundry detergent

Paper products - paper towels, tissues, toilet tissue

The pantry can always use the following items:

Breakfast: cereal (all kinds), oatmeal

Canned Items: canned ham salad, chicken and dumplings, diced tomatoes, tomato sauce, beets, creamed style corn, etc.

Potatoes: instant mashed potatoes or other potato products

Condiments: pickles, vinegar

Beverages: fruit juice (grape, cranberry, apple), tea

Dry Goods: Rice-a-Roni, Pasta side dishes

Snacks: all kinds (chips, energy bars, Pop-tarts, pretzels, etc.)

Extras: marshmallow fluff

Personal hygiene items: combs, hairbrushes, shampoo/conditioner

Gluten-free and/or sugar-free items

Items that are currently not needed: canned vegetables (corn, mixed vegetables), tomato soup

WELCOME TO LONGSWAMP UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!

This is our Weekly Beacon - May 22 - 29, 2022

Welcome to Longswamp United Church of Christ! We invite you to join us on our journey of connection as we deepen our relationships with Christ, each other and our community.

Sharing Our Faith

Our Memorial Day Service is next Sunday, May 29th. A day to honor our men and women who died serving in the U.S. military.

Please join us for the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 5th (Pentecost Sunday) at 10:15am to welcome our newest young members!

Summer worship schedule starts June 12th. Worship will be at 9am. Come dressed casually and ready to honor God with worship.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be on Sunday, **June 12th** at 9am. Please join us in celebrating this wonderful milestone in the lives of those members!

Acting on Jesus' Teachings

May 2022 Local Mission - Cookies for a Cause for the benefit of the Brandywine Food Pantry

- Thank you so much to the 9 volunteers who helped yesterday to man our Cookie for a Cause table at Radcliffe's and/or made homemade chocolate chip cookies. Cookies were given to shoppers who donated an item and/or gave a monetary donation. Our "Cookies for a Cause" event would not have been possible without the support of these dedicated church members.

May 2022 Local Mission (Sunday, May 8 - Tuesday, May 31) - Brandywine Food Pantry -

Please see the list of items on the previous page of the bulletin. Please deposit your items in the marked boxes in the front corner of the sanctuary or in the bell room. To give a monetary offering, please use your May 15 mission envelope. Please contact Jill Shade (484-894-0636; jill.shade@longswampucc.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support!

Teaching What We Believe

May Bible Study: Bad Girls of the Bible. Join Pastor Kim on Wednesday May 25 in Fegely Hall for our last study of 2 more women in the Old Testament that got a bad reputation. You have two times for attendance with the same material covered at 10:30 am if you'd like to join us in the morning for brunch refreshments or at 7:00 pm if you'd prefer an evening study!

Church Family Updates

May Church Family Prayer Needs: Barbara, Beverly, Harold, Judy, Patricia

Military Members: Zachary, Alexander

Church Friends Prayer Needs: Corrine, Robert

Greeters Needed: If you are interested in volunteering as a greeter on a Sunday, please sign up on the bulletin board. It is an easy but wonderful way to serve our welcoming church!

Families of this year's graduates are reminded to email the church office with all their graduation information by tomorrow, May 23rd in order that all might be included in our service on June 12th and the June newsletter.

Endowment scholarship applications are available upon request by emailing Dawn at secretary@longswampucc.org. Applications must be returned to the church c/o Endowment Committee with all required documentation by Sept. 1, 2022.

